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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
EERE PROJECT MANAGEMENT CENTER
NEPA DETERMINATION

RECIPIENT: MT DEQ **STATE:** MT

PROJECT TITLE: Montana Formaul SEP

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number	Procurement Instrument Number	NEPA Control Number	CID Number
DE-FOA000643	NT43199	GFO-0043199-001	

Based on my review of the information concerning the proposed action, as NEPA Compliance Officer (authorized under DOE Order 451.1A), I have made the following determination:

CX, EA, EIS APPENDIX AND NUMBER:
Description:

A9 Information gathering, analysis, and dissemination	Information gathering (including, but not limited to, literature surveys, inventories, site visits, and audits), data analysis (including, but not limited to, computer modeling), document preparation (including, but not limited to, conceptual design, feasibility studies, and analytical energy supply and demand studies), and information dissemination (including, but not limited to, document publication and distribution, and classroom training and informational programs), but not including site characterization or environmental monitoring. (See also B3.1 of appendix B to this subpart.)
A11 Technical advice and assistance to organizations	Technical advice and planning assistance to international, national, state, and local organizations.

Rational for determination:

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) provided $342,500 of federal funding to the state of Montana (MT) under the DOE's Annually Appropriated State Energy Program (SEP) for 2012. MT will provide $68,500 in state match.

MT proposes to fund the following market titles:

Education and Outreach:
Under this Market Title, MT would use federal funding to develop and update information on energy efficiency technologies to distribute to state and local governments and to the public.

Renewable Energy and Technical Assistance:
Under this Market Title, MT would use federal funding to promote and support the development of wind, solar, geothermal and hydroelectric resources.

SEP Program Administration:
Under this Market Title, MT would use federal funding to administer and supervise its SEP.

State Energy Planning:
Under this Market Title, MT would use federal funding to study MT's energy sectors including electricity, electric transmission, natural gas, coal and petroleum. In addition, statistics on those systems would be compiled and the "Understanding Energy in Montana" publication would be updated.

Alternative Energy Renewable Loan Program:
Under this Market Title, MT would continue to use federal funding for a revolving loan fund that would finance cost-effective energy efficiency improvements in private and public facilities. This Market Title has been previously CX'd from further NEPA review. Any projects funded under this Market Title that do not remain within the bounds of MT's Template for Expedited NEPA Review will be submitted for additional NEPA review.

State Buildings Energy Conservation Program Revolving Fund:
Under this Market Title, MT would continue to use federal funding for a revolving loan fund that would finance cost-effective audits and energy efficiency improvements in state buildings. This Market Title has been previously CX'd from further NEPA review. Any projects funded under this Market Title that do not remain within the bounds of MT's Template for Expedited NEPA Review will be submitted for additional NEPA review.

Based on a review of the activities that would be funded under the above Market Titles, DOE has determined the

projects that would be funded under these Market Titles will not significantly impact the human environment and they are categorically excluded from further NEPA review under CX A9 "information gathering" and CX A11 "technical advice." Any activities funded under the 2012 annual appropriations that involve ground-breaking activities, retrofits, or equipment purchase and/or installation are conditioned pending additional NEPA review.

NEPA PROVISION

DOE has made a final NEPA determination for this award

Insert the following language in the award:

If you intend to make changes to the scope or objective of your project you are required to contact the Project Officer identified in Block 11 of the Notice of Financial Assistance Award before proceeding. You must receive notification of approval from the DOE Contracting Officer prior to commencing with work beyond that currently approved.

Insert the following language in the award:

You are required to:
Any activities funded under the 2012 annual appropriations that involve ground-breaking activities, retrofits, or equipment purchase and/or installation are conditioned pending additional NEPA review.

Any projects funded under MT's Alternative Energy Renewable Loan Program and State Buildings Energy Conservation Program Revolving Fund Market Titles that do not remain within the bounds of MT's Template for Expedited NEPA Review will be submitted for additional NEPA review.

Note to Specialist :

DOE funding- $342,500
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SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature: Electronically Signed By: Kristin Kerwin Date: 9/6/2012
NEPA Compliance Officer

FIELD OFFICE MANAGER DETERMINATION

☐ Field Office Manager review required

NCO REQUESTS THE FIELD OFFICE MANAGER REVIEW FOR THE FOLLOWING REASON:

☐ Proposed action fits within a categorical exclusion but involves a high profile or controversial issue that warrants Field Office Manager's attention.
☐ Proposed action falls within an EA or EIS category and therefore requires Field Office Manager's review and determination.

BASED ON MY REVIEW I CONCUR WITH THE DETERMINATION OF THE NCO :

Field Office Manager's Signature: _____ Date: _____
Field Office Manager